

Name: Date:/...../.....
Class: Number:
Mark: Teacher:

Mobile phones in classroom



How often do you hear a mobile phone ring when you are walking the road?
More and more people are using mobile phones and many teenagers now have them too. Last year an estimated 14% of sixteen year old students had a mobile phone and made and received phone call during class. Some schools in Britain have banned mobile phones because students use them in lessons.

Charles Harvey, a Maths teacher at a secondary school in Edinburgh, says:

"It is very irritating. I always ask the students to turn their phones off before I start the lesson, but not everyone listen to me. Students see no problem with making and receive phone calls during the class.

Mobile phones really disturb order in the classroom. Sometimes I'm explaining some complicated theory and *dring...dring...dring* - everybody is lost.

Last year I tried to confiscate phones but parents complained.

I think mobile phones are useful. I'm not against them. However, students shouldn't bring mobile phones to school."

1. Match column A with column B in order to build correct sentences according to the information in the text.

A

1. many teenagers
2. Some schools
3. Mobile phones
4. parents don't accept it
5. Many students

B

- a) disturb order in the classroom
- b) when teachers confiscate phones
- c) have a mobile phone.
- d) Receive calls during the classes.
- e) Don't allow students to use phones in school.

2. Answer the following questions about the text

- a) "The use of mobile phones is increasing." Justify this statement
- b) Are mobile phones allowed in the classroom?
- c) Why mobile phones disturb order in the classroom?
- d) What happened when Charles Harvey confiscated his students mobile phones?
- e) Is this teacher of Maths against mobile phones? Explain.
- f) What about you? Do you use or phone during classes? Why?